

EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th February, 2013
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs N Mason MBE

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr S Sprason

Cllr J Startin

In Attendance:

Cllr S Arnold, Lichfield District Council

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

3 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies. Cllr Van Arkadie had apologised, this was accepted.

2.To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation.

No Declarations of Interest were received.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th January.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting

3 members of the public had attended. Discussion took place with Cllr Arnold regarding the premises in Pessall Lane; the national Planning Inspector had allowed the appeal against the District Council. Councillors felt that the timing of the inspector's visit at a quiet time for the business was unsatisfactory, and queried whether sufficient evidence had been sent. Cllr Arnold advised that local residents should be vigilant and report any breaches of the conditions to enforcement. The Black Horse was also discussed; a planning application had just been lodged. Cllr Arnold advised that, as residents were against the property being used for residential purposes, press publicity about the loss of the pub would be useful. Cllr Arnold discussed other issues which had been raised at the recent village meeting between Christopher Pincher M.P. and residents, such as flooding of local rivers on to roads, and policing; there had been recent burglaries locally, possibly a new neighbourhood watch scheme could help.

5.To agree meeting dates for the year.

RESOLVED to meet on the following dates: Monday March 4th , April 9th (Tuesday), May 7th (Tuesday), June 3rd (Monday), July 1st (Monday), August 5th (to be confirmed), September 2nd (Monday), October 7th (Monday), November 4th (Monday) and December 2nd (Monday).

6. Clerk's Report

(a) Black Horse. Planning enforcement had been contacted and would serve a Planning Contravention Notice on the owner.

(b) Schofield Lane. Planning enforcement had received a complaint and would make a site visit.

(c) Footway on Croxall Road. An enquiry had been sent to Highways.

(d) Drains and burst pipe sign. This had been reported.

(e) Flooding. The MP, County Councillor and Flooding Manager at Staffordshire County Council had been contacted. It was felt that it could be useful if individual residents also reported problems caused by flooded roads to the County Council.

(f) Training. RESOLVED to pay a share of the fee for the Clerk to register for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

(g) Best Kept Village. The Council would confirm its intention to enter the competition again this year. *Action:Clerk*

7.To receive correspondence

PCSO Karpi, Project to keep the elderly safe
Friends of the National Forest poster
Mary Howard School PTA
Buckinghamshire Building Society
HMRC regarding penalty.

8.Councillor's Business.

Cllr Mason enquired whether planning applications were well enough advertised to residents, other Councillors felt that they were. She offered to promote awareness of the Best Kept Village competition in the village.

Cllr Dhillon stated that the Village Hall Committee would meet in the following week and he would report back on this to the next meeting.

Cllr Sprason said that a car had skidded on the Croxall Road, and as this may have been due to wet roads, asked that Highways be contacted again to point out the risks of the poor drainage. He also reported back on the website. *Action:Clerk*

9.To receive District and County Councillor's comments.

Cllr Arnold reported back on the planning appeal by the mobile toilet hire firm. She informed the meeting about a candidate for the County Council election in May, Cllr. Alan White, who had knowledge of the local area.

10.To consider any planning applications.

None received.

11.To consider a rural housing survey.

RESOLVED to contact the District Council to confirm that the Parish Council was in favour of the survey being carried out. *Action:Clerk*

12.To consider a Parish Plan.

RESOLVED to make further plans for this in the Spring and to discuss this again during the next meeting.

13.To consider quotes received.

A quote had been accepted and the work to lay the hedge in Rowley Close would be done in February. It was agreed after discussion of quotes received that Greenlands would continue to provide grass cutting services this year. They would also be asked to do any tidying jobs required under the Lengthmen's agreement.

14.To consider Registers of Interests.

These were checked by all Councillors, and would be prepared to be signed at the next meeting. They would then be put on the website in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. *Action:Clerk*

15. To receive the Financial Report.

(a) **HMRC** An appeal against the penalty imposed for non-submission of information at the end of the previous financial year would be sent to the Tribunal; the Council had never received notice of this.

(b) **Buckinghamshire Building Society** They would be informed that no tax should be paid on the investment as the investor was a public authority.

(c) **Capital** It was agreed to investigate an account for investing the remaining funds at a better rate of interest.

(d) **Budget** The agreed budget would be put on the website shortly. *Action:Clerk*

16. To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.

RESOLVED to approve payments to the following:

Mrs M Jones, Salary and expenses; Holy Trinity Church, donation;

Edingale Village Hall, donation; Viking, stationery; SLCC, Clerk membership.

17.Date of next meeting

Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15.